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The date above says "1980 II" (pause for you to check it) in sympathy with Bruce Schneier's request in INVASION #8. He says that 1981 is a dumb name for a year, so he is renaming it "1980 II". All publishers are asked to announce this important change.

SCOTT HANSON, publisher of my subzine IRKSOME, was kind enough to submit this month's title information. It really is Portugese, or so he says. His openings are now \$4, \$3 to subscribers. Write him at 701 SE 15 Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55414. My other GGM is Dave MARSHALL, 1547 Maple Grove Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44121, who also GGMs in John Daly's THE DOGS OF WAR. His column there is called THE DOLBY STREET CONSPIRACY. That's a nice way of getting insurance for your game, isn't it? If either John or I fold, he still has a home. If Dave folds, he already has two stepfathers to take over. Good idea. I should add that Chuck is doing the same.

SUBS EXPIRING, etc.: This issue, NONE! Next issue, Stewart, Ma zer, Schwartz, Vaughn, #85, Conner, Coughlan, Schilling, Morton. GONE: Baumeister, Counselman, Fraunces, Davis. WELCOME NEW FACES: Schneier, Lauver, and 3 or 4 resubbers of late. My print run is back at 66, which sometimes is short, once in a while long. back

HOBBY ORGANIZATIONS, or "HERE WE GO AGAIN" DEPT. Yes, with the IDA barely cold in its grave and the NADF off in the nether-world, we find the latest issue of JUST AMONG FRIENDS coming in from Al Pearson with an insert about the newest "hobby service organization" being formed up to meet all the crying needs of the hobby. Whatever they are. Anyhow, all those of you who feel the "call" to give yourself a title can sign yourself up now and start to "organize" for an "election" later this year. Ho, hum. If you're new like Al, this will be your chance to learn what SO many others over the last two decades have learned about the farce of hobby "service organizations". Elections, drop-out officers, feuds, pettiness, frauds--oh, and heaven forbid we should forget to mention the great battles over a Constitution! (Sacks, i= all set, guys). "The Council would be made up of seven members..."; the same old dirge. Get a bunch of people together in a Council to do what one person, volunteering to be an Ombudsman if anyone ever wants to call or write him, could do. Noble aims and great plans.

Sorry, Al, I've seen this show too many times already in my short 5 years in this hobby. Like Communism, it sounds nice on paper—lots of high goals and the like—but fails dismally, and has ALWAYS failed dismally, every time it has been tried in the past. And there have been a LOT of tries! I know I won't be able to dissuade you, because people always keep doing this sort of thing. Every new wave of publishers and hobbyists hears some clarion call to create The Great Hobby Service Organization. The only bright spot is that in a few more years, there won't be any unused hobby NAMES for organizations anymore. On the other hand, since all the lessons of the past are so readily forgotten, maybe the old names can be forgotten, and thus recycled? Rots o' ruck, guys. (Rt 1 Box 17785, Kearneysville, WV 25430)

No sooner had I crsnked out last issue than we had a warning about possible snow and ice. Sadly, though, the promised "bad" weather, like the utopia the Democrats are always aiming for, somehow failed to materialize. It is still cold here (40 highs, teens-20s for lows) Mark, snd still dry I'm afraid.

JANE PROSKIN is getting sround and staying in the news. Allen Pearson, in his slick looking new JUST AMONG FRIENDS #5, relates the latest in her escapades. A sample: "I couldn't believe what she said about Ron Brown and the molasses and chicken feathers, but Jane had some pictures that were hard to dispute." Yes, Jane does get around. Where will she turn up next? Pilant suggested that if Al really wants some interest in a Dip Player's Board (or whatever), have Jane and everyone's favorite Kathy B. organize the thing! Might raise more, interest, that way.

THIS ISSUE is almost ready at the end of the first week of February. However, I think I need to give you folks a break, so maybe I'll hold off for just a bit and not mail this out before the 10th. February is a short month, so maybe I'll limit myself to only two issues this month, whatcha say? It has been suggested that the whole hobby shut down for a month (August perhaps) and just ignore the month; set deadlines from July moves on into September, and all of us just ignore the hobby for August. Heck, with all these 4 and 5 week deadlines around, it seems to me that there are too many vacations already. It would be nice if maybe Jack Masters would take August off, and stop filling my mailbox with fake copies of EUROPA EXPRESS #1. I think I've seen 2 or 3 now, not counting Y'ALL 1&2... If YOU folks would take a break, I could probably clear up the backlog of material I have over August. Let me or Linsey know what you think.

ZEEN-ZEIN WAR took a new twist when Bob Olsen of the Oaklyn gang took time from planning the destruction of innocent Andy McMahon's France and came up with his own interpretation of zine: "zinny". Enough polsrization in the hoobv, right? Anyone for this third choice? It IS better than saying "zein". (Better a good fart than saying zein...)

EGGNOG has officially folded its tent. Konrad leaves us with a final message of "for all I care, the hobby can go straight to hell". Refreshing bluntness, hew? I guess the hobby of '81 does look different than '71, especially since Konrad was 8 or 9 in 1971.

About now you may be wondering just how many typefaces you'll see in this issue. Have no fear, the cover is the worst. I put these things together as I can, a little here, a little there. Then, like today, I sit down, count pagea, and realize that I have another full issue already, it's only Feb 7, I have very little in here that I had hoped to have other than getting in most of the letters, and I'll have to put out another fast issue with too little humor. Carried over will be just four pages of stuff, 2 each from Sherwood and Linsey, not counting the one nonsense piece I'd wanted here.

People in the news: First, 'Bernie's pal ERIC OZOG hss sent around a form letter stating his intention to drop out of his games and most of his zines. He will complete the 3 gamea he ia GMing for assorted people, but will otherwise quit. FRED DAVIS JR is now just Fred Davis; his latest BUSHWACKER had an interesting eulogy to his now-deceased father in it, who saw quite a bit in 91 years. Fred also includes details of the postal rate increases coming very shortly, as he sees them. PAUL NEWMAN is starring in FORT APACHE, a movie we saw the other evening, and I recommend it. A tad on the raunchy side, but it is set in NYC, so they really had very little choice. For a small story, it moves along well enough. Better than average. MARK LARZELERE devoted a page of his APPALLING GREED to a warning to newcomers about one "Bernie Oaklyn". All of us vets are sick of 'Bernie' and his antica, but we tend to forget the turnover in the hobby. I congratulate Mark for coming out with a timely reminder. He also has openings in RegDip for \$3 and a pref list. Subs are 10/\$3, 3 week deadlines, ditto but very legible. 522 West Grand River, Howell, Michigan 48843. Finally, BRAD WILSON's guest review of LIBERAL BRAINSTORMS, a review of various leftist policies, still awaits typing, so I may combine Parta I & II into one piece in some later issue. At this rate, probably BB 92...

# 1979 IZ

ENDS IN A THREE-WAY DRAW.  
SPRING, 1915

1979IZ 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914

Austria	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	0	-
England	4	5	6	8	9	9	10	10	9	10	10	9	8 drew S'15
France	4	4	4	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	5	7	7	9	9	9	9	10	12	12	14	16	drew S'15
Italy	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	2	0	-	-	-	-
Russia	6	6	3	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	4	4	6	7	8	8	8	10	10	11	10	10	10 drew S'15
Neutral	2	0											

GM: John Michalski Zine: The Brutus Bulletin

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Players:

Austria: Kai-fu Lee, dro F'02; Arturo Guajardo, out F'13

England: Bob Osuch, drew S'15

France: Peter Fuchs, out F'07

Germany: Gary Howe, drew S'15

Italy: D. Scott Palter, out F'10

Russia: Monty Hayner, dro S'04, CD; out F'05

Turkey: David McCarty, drew S'15

Endgame Comments, Arturo Guajardo, Austrian standby/player

The '79 IZ, although a standby position for an Austria that was initially beset by three different foes, did not turn out to be one of those quick "services rendered" positions a standby accepts and then puts to rest in two or three game turns. Despite the fact that I was never in a position to win, at one time I did have hopes of participating in a draw. This fact, coupled with the rather intricate negotiations I was forced to undertake in order to survive at all made the game most interesting and extremely enjoyable for me.

I inherited the Austrian position from a Mr. Lee, who had somehow managed to raise the ire and/or greed of every one of his immediate neighbors. I accepted the position in the Winter of 1902. My first official duty was to remove a piece from a five center position (now four) which had been cut due to the presence of a Russian army in Vienna. I also found Italy knocking on Trieste's door and Turkey making an effort to gobble up the Balkans. In view of my numerous opponents, I decided that the best course of action was to lock to my home centers and hope against hope that I could appease Turkey by allowing him to possess what he had within his power to possess, with or without my cooperation, the Balkan states without opposition. Turkey, though extremely suspicious of me, grudgingly accepted my overtures. Turkey's distrust appeared to have been inspired from Mr. Lee, who was described my predecessor in less than glowing terms. Turkey also expressed distrust of the Italian player, a fact that was to prove important later in the game.

My initial efforts to eject the Russians from my capital proved successful, but no sooner than I had done so than I found the Italians taking Trieste. By the close of 1903, I found it necessary to remove another piece, and again I offered to make my removal in favor of the Turks. By this time Turkey, one of the few players in my immediate vicinity to answer my frantic pleas for life and aid, began to see the advantage of using me to his ends in a war against Italy. I left Serbia complete open to a Turkish advance and concentrated on throwing Italy out of Trieste, which I finally succeeded in doing with Turkish help.

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By 1905 it was apparent to everyone that the Anglo-Prussian alliance was on the way to sweeping the board. France, though a doughty fighter, was on the ropes, and Russia was rapidly disintegrating. I began receiving communiques from Italy explaining that he attacked me on Turkish instigation. Apparently Falter expected Turkish aid in carving up my Hapsburg domains and was somewhat affronted by the Turkish support lent to evict him from Friesche. Falter said he had no quarrel with me, but intended to make the Turk pay for his treachery. McCarty countered by saying Italy had betrayed him by stationing a fleet, or building a fleet, against him. Neither party trusted each other, and it was only through my continual exhortations and pleas that I was able to convince the two that only through cooperation against the Anglo-Prussians could any of us hope to survive in this game. Finally, I managed to get Falter to agree to a triple alliance, promising to side with him if Turkey proved treacherous.

By this time we were being pressed. Germany had virtually completed his destruction of Russia. France hung on for dear life, but the English began making moves into the Mediterranean. Germany began sending me letters exhorting me to strike at Turkey. Instead, I moved into the border lands between Germany and Austria. This attempt was only partially successful since Germany had the same idea. In the meantime, our alliance, such as it was, began to pull together and put up an effective defense against the Anglo-Prussians. By 1907 we had created the stalemate line. Unfortunately, that was only the beginning of our troubles.

The fact that we were able to create the stalemate line at all, was nothing short of miraculous. Falter claimed he could not trust or speak to the Turks, and requested that all Turko-Italian negotiations go through me. This put some strain on the alliance and added to my headaches, which in a two-week deadline game seemed doomed to failure. Once the line was established, disagreement ensued over how to hold the line. I was in favor of a static defense, advocating that we stand pat and ignore the sluggish phoney war developing between England and Germany. Turkey advocated an aggressive defense which would gain whatever provinces we could from our opposition. The fact that negotiation was channeled through me led to an untenable situation. I expressed static defense plans to Italy, who acted upon them, while Turkey pursued the opposite course of action. This led to a grievous lack of coordination. After the fiasco of that particular turn, I urged Italy to communicate directly with McCarty, and then urged McCarty to direct the defense as he saw fit. At this point, I lost any pretense to autonomy that I might have had, and became a Turkish puppet in fact as well as name.

The next season didn't prove much better as Falter's moves resulted in his losing two fleets to the English. Turkey complained of Falter's tactical blunders, and I agreed that it might be best to get him out of the way before he did serious damage to our prospects of maintaining the stalemate line.

The attack on Italy was to be coordinated, but unfortunately, my orders were lost in what appeared to be a mess up in Michalski's office. This resulted in the policy of sending our orders to his home. Fortunately, my NMR was accompanied by a German NMR, but the failure to subdue Italy in one strike tended to aid the Anglo-German alliance.

With Italy's demise I merely followed the dictates of Constantinople. All tactics were planned by Turkey, and I merely followed my orders. Tactical errors and the lost time in Italy eventually meant Germany's fortunes in the Danube basin were improving at my expense. Because of my inability to defend the area, Turkey became increasingly involved in the defense of my slipping home centers. I went from Three to two, and finally to one center. With but one center left, my usefulness to Turkey diminished, and Turkey decided to grab my last center to bolster his own sagging line.

It might be noted that the best communicators in the game finished in the top three (and might I modestly add the fourth) positions. Silence may be golden, but if this game is an indication, it doesn't get you supply centers. Though Germany and England ignored me in the latter years of my existence, they were the first to welcome me to the game and offer me encouragement. Germany ceased

writing after the commencement of hostilities between Germany and Austria, but England continued to write sporadically, answering my suggestions that he make his phoney war with Germany a real one with non-committal replies. Of course, Turkey and I corresponded quite regularly. Had Palter been able to communicate more effectively, I dare say we might have pulled off the draw.

As I write, Germany looks like he is on the way to victory. From my perspective it appears that he blundered into his position of superiority over the English. His early gains against the English did not seem to indicate a deliberate and concerted effort against the English, but once attaining such a position he did not hesitate to use it to his advantage.

Well, whoever the victor might be, be it Germany, another power or the participants of a draw, I salute you and thank all the players for an enjoyable game. The fact that I was able to hang on for so long with just a three-center power is solace enough. I succeeded in extending Austria's life many years beyond what she had a right to expect after "r. Lee's turn at the helm. Think of it! I lasted a good decade in game years, 1903-1913. Not bad, eh?

Special thanks must go to J.M. our intrepid GM who ran the '79 IZ, and who must always get my vote for one of the best GM's in the hobby. Thanks John.

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THE PERILS OF PAULINA  
(as featured in the  
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WEST REGAINS SPAIN

Winter 1909: Turkey builds F Constantinople

Spring 1910:

AUSTRIA (Fuchs): A Rom-NAP; A Pie-MAR; A UKR S TURKISH A War;  
A TYO-Mun; A SIL S A Tyo-Mun; A BOH S A Sil

FRANCE (Howe): F POR S F Mid; A Mar-SPA; A GAS S A Mar-Spa; F MID  
S A Mar-Spa

GERMANY (Kirchner): A MUN H; A RUH & A BER S A Mun; A Bel-BUR;  
F Nth-NWG; F ENG S FRENCH F Mid; A PRU H; F BAL S A Pru;  
A LVN H; A STP S A Lvn

ITALY (CD): Has no units

TURKEY (Mooney): A MOS S A War; A WAR S AUSTRIAN A Sil; A SEV S A Mos;  
F Con-AEG; F Ion-TYN; A TUN H; F LYO S AUSTRIAN A Pie-Mar;  
F Spa(sc)-Mid/d/destroyed; F NAF S F Spa(sc)-Mid; F WES S  
F Spa(sc)-Mid

The draw failed, and is reproposed. NVR will equal a "yes" vote this time, so please vote unless you want the game to end in the coming season. It would appear that the draw is imminent anyway, but you never know.

Fall 1910 will be due on Tuesday, February 10, 1981.

# 800

"A HORSE! A HORSE! WILL I HAVE TO GIVE THIS KINGDOM TO A HORSE?"  
AFTER TWELVE YEARS, WE STILL HAVE FIVE POWERS. THE LARGEST IS  
THE LEAST POPULAR THOUGH...

JAN 25, 1981

Summer, 1912: German A Tyo r MUN; Italian A Bud r SER

FALL, 1912

ENGLAND (Blant?) NMR! F NTH ENG MID WES LYO TUN NAT NWG STPnc H;  
A NAF, MOS H; A Tus H/ann.

GERMANY (Cummings) A HOL, F DEN H; A Gal-RUM; A UKR S A Gal-Rum; A Bud-  
Ser/d/r Gal, Otb; A Vie-TRI; A PIE & A BOH S A Mun-Tyo;  
A Min-TYO

ITALY (Grabar) A SER S A Tri-Bud; A Tri-BUD; F ROM S F Tyn-Tus; F Tyn-  
TUS; F ION-Tun; A Tyo-VIE; A Apu-VEN; A Con-ANK; F Eas-  
AEG

RUSSIA (Kirchner) F Bla-BULEc; A Rum S F Bla-Bulec/d/r Sev, Otb

TURKEY (Becker) F Aeg-GRE

1912:

E: Home Nwy Swe Bel Bre Spa Por Tun StP Mos	12	1 ann., +1
G: Home Hol Den Par Mar War <del>Vie</del> TRI RUM	10	+1
I: Home Bud <del>Tur</del> Ser <del>Bul</del> <del>Con</del> Smy VIE ANK	9	was 1 short, even
R: Sev <del>Bul</del> BUL	2	even
T: <del>Aeg</del> GRE	1	even
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For a game that should be read: to die, this thing is really nerve-wracking! Both of the minor powers could have gained one this year; or had the Sultan chosen Bul instead of Gre, both could be out (oops, A Mos-Sev would be needed too) by the same token! Papal power still perches precariously, but this time, the odds of it being luck are simply too great: Dave is just playing an outstanding game. With 9 units beset by 7 Germans, 2 Russians of varying loyalties, an annoying Turk, and facing four English units, he holds his own! Now we again have the possibility of a new English monarch. Would MARK LEW, 3120 W 79 St, Anchorage, Alaska 99502 please consider submitting standby orders for England? (Mail here to there, or rather, there to here, runs 2 days by my experience). Mark, this is a black press game. Here's the press:

ANK-MOORE: Sure appreciated your clearing Turkey of all Italian units in S12; I couldn't have done it without you.

SEV-Whoever cares: If you can't beat 'em...

ROME: Well, if I can't win, I can choose who will win. I choose England. I propose an English win.

(no dateline): Dave, I need it more than you.

LONDON: E/G alliances are so dull and dreary. Stab! stab! stab!

ANK-ROM: Guess right and I'm gone, along with half the press. PS I enjoyed both \*\*\*\*\* your letters this game.

Some late notes I thought I'd typed, but hadn't. 1. Sorry about the calls; by the time I came up with the #s, you had the mailed sheet in your hands, so I let it go. Some day I'll be orgainzed. 2. THERE ARE CALLS FOR A CONCESSION TO ENGLAND, AND A CONCESSION TO RUSSIA. NVR will equal NO. Please vote next time. 3. Winter adjustments and SPRING, 1913 (groan) will be due with my mail received here MONDAY, February 9, 1981. While orders conditional on the English player are usually illegal, you ARE entitled to know who made the winter build. Act accordingly. Whenever using conditional orders, be sure to label one set as "all other cases"

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Winter 1906: England builds F London, A Edinburgh; Italy removes A Bohemia  
Russia removes F Baltic, F Black Sea

Spring 1907:

AUSTRIA (Perlmutter): A GAL-War; A Sil S A Gal-War/d/r to Pru, Boh,

Otb; F TUN S ITALIAN F Ion; A SER S A Gre; A GRE S A Ser;

A Bud-RUM

ENGLAND (Kirchner): F Nwy-BAR; A Edi-Nwy; F NTH C A Edi-Nwy; F SWE

S A Edi-Nwy; F Lon-ENG

FRANCE (Bricken): A Por-Spa/d/destroyed; A PAR-Bre

GERMANY (Grabar): A Mar-BUR; A PIC S A Mar-Bur; A Ber-SIL; A MUN S

A Ber-Sil; A KIE S A Mun; F Den-BAL

ITALY (Henry): A Pie-MAR; A Spa-POR; F MID S A Spa-Por; F ION H;

F BRE H

RUSSIA (Goodrich): A Pru-WAR; A UKR S A Pru-War; A StP-MOS; A Fin-

STP; F Rum-BLA

TURKEY (Petrie): F EAS-Ion; A BUL-Gre; F AEG S A Bul-Gre; A CON-Bul

A curious situation exists in the west, thanks to the emergence of England as a threat and Germany's cooperation. Which way will the sands of power shift, if at all? We'll soon find out.

By the way, if I receive requests from a majority of you for a Fall/Spring separation, I will grant it, but I must receive enough requests.

COA: Joe Petrie, General Delivery, Kamuela, HI 96743

Deadline for Austria's retreat and Fall 1907 will be Tuesday, February 10, 1981.

PRESS

LON-BER: I'll trade you Denmark for Brest.

ROM-BER: I thought I was allied with you, then you march into Marseilles as I leave Tyrolia and Bohemia. Thanks a whole lot.

PAR: Take that, Italian dogs!

BER: I would like to know who is allied with whom? I'm allied with Italy.

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DRAWS FAIL, FOR NOW.

Feb 2, 1981

Winter, 1909: England builds A EDI, F LVP, A LON. French A Pru r OTB.  
SPRING, 1910

ENGLAND (Reese): F NTH C A Edi-Hol; A Edi-HOL; A GAS-Mar; A BUR-Mun; A RUH  
S A Bur-Mun; A Mun-BER; F Kie-BAL; F STPsc S F GoB-Lvn;  
F GoB-LVN; F WES S F Mid-Naf; F Mid-NAF; F Por-SPAsc; F Bel-  
PIC; A PAR S F Bel-Pic; F Lvp-IRI; A LON H

FRANCE (Columbo): A Tyo-MUN; A PIE-Mar; A Pic-Bur/d/r Bre, Otb; F TUS S Turkish  
F Tyn-Lyo; F TUN S Turkish F Ion-Tyn

TURKEY (Guajardo): A BOH & A SIL S French A Tyo-Mun; A Bud-GAL; A Ser-RUM; A Sev-  
MOS; A TRI S A Vie-Tyo; A Vie-TYO; A War-PRU; F Aeg-ION; F Ion-  
TYN; F Tyn-LYO; F APU, ADR H

Press:

LON-CON: The offer of second place was made in Constantinople, NOT London.

The French retreat and FALL, 1910 will be due with my mail received here MONDAY,  
MARCH 2, 1981. There is a call for a concession to England. NVR will equal a'no'. (7)

Only Issue #2 and late already? Whadja expect from a pathetic piece of shit like

#2

# DOWN 'N' DIRTY

Jan. 26, 1981

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DnD #1 (aka 1980LP -- thanks, Lee)

SPRING 1901: PICTURE YOUR AD IN THIS SPACE (what else is there to say in S'01?)

AUSTRIA(Eric Ozog): F tri-ALB, A BUD-rum, A VIE-bud.

ENGLAND(Dan Stafford): F lon-ENG, F edi-NTH, A lvp-YOR.

FRANCE(Andy McMahon): A mar-PIE, A par-PIC, F bre-MID.

GERMANY(Keith Sherwood): F kie-HOL, A ber-KIE, A mun-BUR.

ITALY(Dan Palter): A ven-TRI, A rom-APU, F nap-ION.

RUSSIA(Bob Olsen): F stp(sc)-BOT, A war-LVN, A mos-UKR, F SEV-rum.

TURKEY(Mike Mazzer): A con-BUL, F ank-CON, A SMY basks in Allah's beneficence(H).

You may have noticed from the postmark that this is being mailed out on Monday (1-26) instead of Friday (1-23). Also, there's the matter of a slight change in typeface.... Without boring you with details, I can only say that your GM and his typewriter's power return key both contracted the flu at about the same time. Made for a real fun weekend. Okay, we'll readjust the next deadline to compensate: Fall 1901 is due here at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18. (Incidentally, I don't make a habit of jockeying deadlines -- this is the first time a D/L change has been my fault in 1½ years of subzine pubbing. Look for strict adherence hereafter.) Now that's enough excuses, cause we've got:

PRESS.....

PARIS: Le President wishes to thank his esteemed neighbors to the north and east for remaining clear of the agreed-upon neutral regions of Burgundy and the English Channel. It is very pleasing when you know who you can trust. ((u))

MOS-LON: Either I'm Number Seven, or I fall on my butt!

BOH-ENGLAND: You're not so tough. But then, neither am I.

RUSSIA-TURKEY: Is it stab yet?

GAL: Waah! Waah! Poor me!

GERMANY-THE EAST: So if it isn't the boys from 1979KW. Plan to ally together ~~as Alfa~~ again? Maybe you guys have learned your lesson and you'll attack Mazzer to begin with.

BERLIN-MOSCOW: So we meet at last. Here's where I get you back for giving Bernie Oaklyn my address and telling him I'm easily led.

GERMANY-FRANCE: Viva la France!

GERMANY-ENGLAND: God save the Queen!

GERMANY-MYSELF: Whose side are you on, anyway?

GERMANY-BRUX: Bitch and moan, bitch and moan.

GERMANY-ALL DIPLOMACY PLAYERS: Anyone for a good old-fashioned tar and feathering? All interested meet me at "Leisureville," Watervliet, NY at 10 p.m. Feb. 13, 1981.

GERMANY-GM: I hope you're a better GM than Brux, but that shouldn't be too hard.

BLACK SEA: I hope Olsen isn't up to his old tricks. His press is SO boring.

\*\*\*WARNING WARNING WARNING\*\*\* (no dateline): John Michalski, why haven't you been keeping your guard up? Four players in this game (E,A,R,T) are all from the pages of Le Front. 4/7, that's over half! What happened to quality control? Is this a sign of things to come? Will Bernie himself soon be playing in your zine? ((Not under my HRs he won't))

GERMANY-FRANCE: Sorry, but I had no choice. As of today, January 17, I still have had no word from you. Self-defense and all that. Please, let's talk. I have no wish of continuing against you.

GERMANY-RUSSIA: I hope you are up to your usual tricks press-wise. You have a lot to live up to. Never a dull game with you writing press.

BERLIN-TANK COMMANDER KUHN((Hey this is 1901)): We're going to have a party. Invade France's wineland and return immediately with looted booze. Those are your orders; move out!

((And finally, this release just in from the Golden Horn:))

#### A Brief Chronology of the Ottoman Empire

1 Billion BC: In the beginning, there was only an Armenian and his camel. The Armenian and the camel went behind a sand dune and hence came all of mankind.

1500 BC: The Lord Yahweh offers the Ten Commandments to all men. The Turks decline citing the one about bearing false witness as being against their religion. The Hebrews, noting that the Commandments were being offered gratis, accepted. (I know it's an old one, you were expecting maybe Rodney Dangerfield?)

622 AD: Hegira. The Prophet flees Mecca pursued by angry infidels who accuse him of publishing too much 'belly dancer' press. He is given haven in Turkey which he quickly converts to Islam.

1000 AD: A new Islamic sect is begun in Asia Minor and the founder calls for the first general assembly of his new sect in Constantinople, claiming that he is 'getting his Shi'ite together'. (I know I've used that pun before, Eric, but I still like it.)

1366 AD: A new star appears in the heavens. Turkish astrologers, claiming it augures the birth of a new Messiah, follow the star to Syria where it hovers over a manger bearing a child. The child's parents call the baby Olsen (they had considered Jesus but did not want to be taken for Puerto Rican). The astrologers bring the child back to Constantinople and he is raised in the Sultan's court. The elders marvel at the precosity and wisdom of the lad.

1870 AD: In Smyrna, an falls off the back of a wagon carrying a load of hashish to Europe. The child is raised by a she-jackal and is later adopted by a family of Armenian Gypsies who name the child Mazzerman which is Armenian for 'multi-faceted' (or possibly 'two-faced', scholars still disagree). The lad soon runs away from home saying his parents don't understand him. This is probably because the child speaks only 'Islamic gibberish'.

1886 AD: Mazzerman travels to Constantinople where he is befriended by the young Olsen. Olsen teaches Mazzerman everything there is to know about anything.

1900 AD: Using the charm and persuasion taught him by Olsen, Mazzerman is crowned Sultan of the Ottoman Empire. Meanwhile, Olsen walks across the Black Sea to Sevastopol and crowned Tsar of Russia.

1901 AD: In his first military victory, Mazzerman conquers all of Bulgaria (which has no army) and brings home the Bulgar Queen to be his bride. Queen Sophie quickly causes a scandal by not wearing undergarments to the wedding. This fact was deduced by the appearance of danduff flakes on her sneakers. (All right, all right. No more Bulgar jokes)

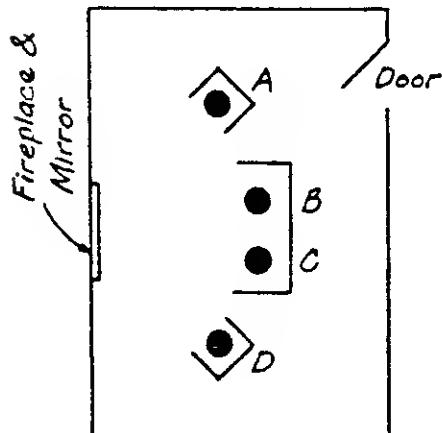
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((Interesting. Any of you other Great Powers out there have a national history you'd like to recount?))

Someone has proposed switching this game to Black Press. I've no real objection, but it would require a unanimous vote of the players, and based upon the response to the real Black Press game (exactly one signed up so far), that's not likely to happen. So if you wanna send in \$2.50 and find five more players.....

I've also been asked to define what I mean by Grey Press. For the purposes of this game, it means you can send out press under any dateline you want, long as it's not another player's name, hometown, country (proper name, including "Austria"), or home centers. So if you're not playing (say) Germany, you can still use such German-related datelines as Deutschland, Ruhr, or Dusseldorf. Same limitations and protections apply to the GM incidentally. Note that these guidelines were purposely excluded from the HRs so as to be open to negotiation. If this isn't what you want Grey Press to mean, say so.

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Bernie the bookmaker has been found dead in the club lounge, his wine poisoned. Four men are seated on a sofa and two chairs in front of the fireplace, as shown in the diagram, discussing the foul deed. Their names are Smith, Brown, Jones, and Robinson. They are, not necessarily respectively, a general, schoolmaster, admiral, and doctor.

The waiter pours a glass of whisky for Jones and a beer for Brown. The general looks up, and in the mirror over the fireplace, sees the door close behind the waiter. He then turns to speak to Robinson, next to him.

Neither Smith nor Brown has any sisters. The schoolmaster is a teetotaler. Smith, who is sitting in one of the armchairs, is the admiral's brother-in-law. The schoolmaster is next to him on his left.

Suddenly, a hand stealthily moves forward to put something in Jones's whisky. It is the murderer again. No one has left his seat and there's no one else in the room.

For each of the four men, give his name, profession, and seating position. Also, who is the murderer? (Answers next time)

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How quickly can you find out what is so unusual about this paragraph? It looks so ordinary that you would think that nothing was wrong with it at all...and in fact nothing is. But it is unusual. Why? If you study it and think about it, you may find out, but I am not going to assist you in any way. You must do it without any coaching. No doubt if you work at it for long it will dawn on you. Who knows? Go to work and try your skill. Par is about half an hour.

((And in closing, Down 'n' Dirty brings you the John Michalski(we print  
anything)Department:))

#### FREQUENCY PROBED

One night, when his charge was pretty high, Micro Farad decided to try to get a cute little coil to let him discharge. He picked up Millie Amp and took her for a ride in his mega-cycle. They rode across the wheatstone bridge around the sine wave, and stopped in a magnetic field by a flowing current. Micro Farad, attracted by Millie's characteristic curves, soon had his resistance at a minimum, and his field fully excited. He laid her on the ground potential, raised her frequency, lowered her capacitance, and pulled out his high voltage probe. He inserted it into her socket, connecting them in parallel, and began to short circuit her shunt. Fully excited, Millie Amp said, "Who, who, give me who!"

With his tube operating at maximum peak, the excess current flow had gotten her hot and Micro Farad was rapidly discharged and drained of every electron. They fluxed all night, trying various connections and sockets until his bar magnet had lost all its field strength. Afterwards, Millie Amp tried self-induction and damaged her solenoid. With his battery fully discharged, Micro Farad was unable to excite his transformer. So they ended by reversing polarity and blowing each other's fuses.

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# IRKSONTE

NO 6

JANUARY 31, 1981

## GM image less than immaculate

(OR FIRST WINTER, FIRST BUILDS, FIRST NMR, FIRST MISTAKE BY GM)

That's right folks, last time I forgot to give Italy credit for Budapest, so he gets two builds instead of one. Thanks to all of you who pointed out the error, even to Pilant who tried to say that I gave Italy too many builds. The corrected supply center chart follows along with the builds:

IRKOME #1 80LM WINTER 1901

AUSTRIA(Pilant)	Builds A TRI
ENGLAND(Vaughan)	Builds A EDI
FRANCE(Sherwood)	Builds F BRE,A PAR
GERMANY(Stephens)	Builds A MUN,F KIE
ITALY(Palter)	Builds F NAP,A VEN
RUSSIA(Gariepy)	Builds A SEV
TURKEY(Wilson?)	NMR! Plays one short.

1901 SUPPLY CENTERS	TOT	B/R
AUS Vie Tri <del>3/4</del> SER GRE	4	bld 1
ENG Home NWY	4	bld 1
FRA Home POR BEL	5	bld 2
GER Home HOL DEN	5	bld 2
ITA Home TUN BUD	5	bld 2
RUS Home SWE	5	bld 1
TUR Home BUL	4	bld 1
NUETRAL Rum Spa	2	
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Spring 1902 moves are due at noon CST on Valentines Day (February 14, 1981 for those of you don't know.) I'm pretty sure that Brad is still in the game, so I won't do anything about it yet. I know John's HRs say that no stand-bys will be used, but he just sent me a list of stand-bys, so if I don't hear from Brad again next sea son, I'll call one. That is, unless a majority of you object to stand-bys—let me know next season. (Did that make sense?) Also, if you want me to give you a collect call on the deadline days if I don't have your orders, send me your phone. I'm not guaranteeing that I will always call, but I will if I have the chance. By the time you read this I will have missed the Bruce Springsteen concert (Ooooh!) here tomorrow night. He's had two concerts sell out here in the Twin Cities in the past three months. Enough of this drivel, on with the...

### PRESS

MUNICH-PARIS: Scum-sucker, eh? Leach, huh? Ugly butt, sure. All I have to say to you is "Klaatu Biroda Nikto!"

GAL: For that I gave up Warsaw?

VIENNA: You mean everyone doesn't own an anti-tank gun?

SENSITIVE SHERWOOD-PRICK PILANT: Okay, I'll tell you what I did when I learned John Lennon was murdered: I stayed home all day, put on a Lennon tape, put on my rose-colored glasses and love beads, got out my best dope (\$140 an ounce) and got so stoned.....(see my review in BB for details.)

ITALY-VIE: I'm really attacking Russia!

GERMANY-TURKEY: Yep, they're the same persons. He doesn't need any other S.O.B.s, er, G.O.B.s: he just does it himself in front of a mirror.

NTH SEA: "Fuck John Lennon"? But he's dead. That would be necrophilia. God, you're sick.

NORTH AFRICA: So Bruce Linsey, the sensitive one, wants to be left alone in BB press. I say give him no quarter! Attack him unmercifully.

\* special thanks to the Minneapolis Tribune for our headline

NOTE—All typographical errors are intentional.

IRKSOME

NO. 6

JANUARY 31, 1981

PRESS (ETC.)

GARIEPY-MICHALSKI: What kind of a fag are you if you let someone else fuck your woman twice a week?

MICHALSKI-GARIEPY: A pervert fag.

MOORE: Krupp Panzerfaust, 47 mm, will stop a purple Caddie thru a T-72. You know where to write.

TRI: So Carter got the hostages back. And all he had to do was kiss Khomeni's ass and surrender unconditionally. Shit. He should have bombed Iran back to the Stone Age (about 50 years!).

PARIS: The state-controlled radio station, XLAX, after the vehement attacks on Germany, started broadcasting caustic (are these words too big for you, Pilant?) attacks on the Austrian cock-suckers. The war with Germany can wait--we must destroy Austria at all costs.

MUNICH-ROME: Thanks for the vinyl!

GERMANY-ENGLAND: What are a couple of swell guys like us doing in a mean ol' game like this?

SILESIA: I wish Chapman had offed Springsteen instead of Lennon.

PORTUGAL: Oh, I'M in love with a big blue frog and a big blue frog loves me.

SPAIN: That's big-mouthed frog.

PORTUGAL: Nooo shit!

MORE JOH N MICHALSKI JOKES: John needed some extra cash so he rented out his outhouse to Dave Pilant. The next day John noticed a TV antenna extending from the roof of his outhouse, so he figured Dave had gotten a television. But the next day he saw two antennas on the outhouse roof, so he asked Dave about it. Dave replied, "Oh, I sublet the basement to Brad Wilson."

VIE-GM: Double what? Actually my tastes run more to Richard Wagner and Bach, although Strauss and Liszt aren't bad either.

GERMANY-RUSSIA: You owe me now. What do you say we get the Englishman?

BER-LON: Could you be specific?

and now some special guest press from MANIACAL and Bob Osuch...

IRKSOME: Dear Ann Landers, I am GMing my first Diplomacy game, and my players insist on writing shitloads of press! I mean, it costs me big bucks just to Xerox the thing off, not to mention all the extra postage I have to pay. What can I do about this? Signed, Desperate

CHICAGO: You're in luck, Irksome. I happen to know Ann personally, since she lives here in Chitown, and was lucky enough to get her to respond to you here. Truly a Diplomacy first! Here it is:

Dear Desperate,

Just who the hell do you think you're kidding, buster. I may be square to you, but I wasn't born yesterday. I've seen the "publication" (I use the word loosely) in question here, and believe me, bub, such trash isn't worth the ink used to print it. If you and your perverted, twisted, demented cronies want to share such garbage, such obvious filth, among yourselves, fine. But don't drag it into my back yard. There are laws to protect decent people from slime like you and your ilk. Do yourself a favor, brother. Get professional help immediately.

There it is, straight from the source. Before they take me away, I have one last thing to say...

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Jan. 17, 1981

KATHY BYRNE (Kathy's Korner)

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Hi, honey, I read the last few issues of BB with interest of late, and of course I've decided to throw my three cents in. First let me say Falters article on gun control is probably the best one that I can relate to, perhaps it is the good old live in N.Y. and see what it is like - we know what is going on - and yes I have my views also.

Gun control is garbage!!!! If a criminal wants a gun, he will get it. But orders saying citizens can't own a gun is purely killing them. A criminal will get the gun without a permit, in N.Y. a regular law abiding citizen will have more permits refused - all our law does is help the criminal get his way. Point to note - you decided to play down the lastest glamour murder, by not seeing why Lennon should be such a big concern. As a N.Y.er I can agree with this attitude, but for different reasons. Do you know that five police officers have been shot in N.Y. since the 1st of the year? Do you know when I hear that a Policeman who was laying helplessly on a barroom floor after being shot in the arm by three teenagers, is finished off by a bullet through the skull as an afterthought, wants to make me throw up? The N.Y.C. police have now been told to shot first, aim to kill - ask questions later. I agree this is the only way to prevent them from winding up dead as Walsh did. The real heroes are not the always loved stars who meet with an untimely end, but those poor cops whose hands might as well be tied, in N.Y. hopefully these senseless murders will now stop - Where the hell is the death penalty???? Are all politians nuts???? I still feel that a walk to the electric chair will deter crime more than five years in a hospital for the mentally insane.

The biggest joke of 1980, and I wonder how many of you know this, Mayor Koch proclaimed that anyone who turned there handguns into a certain place would not face any retailiation for owning the gun. Did we see mobs of criminals running to turn in illegal guns - of course not Three guns were turned in, and my money is betting that it was 3 poor old people afraid they would get caught and go to jail!!!

I have owned a rifle since I was ten yrs. old, my father was a hunter, and he taught all four of his daughters how to shoot, how to handle guns, and maybe just how to survive. As seen in your zine before, a rifle is not easy to conceal, and yet the stupid politicians want us to hand them in, and for what? Let me tell you something - I also believe in shot first, ask questions later - and now I still won't turn in a firearm - I do see a reason for concern, but not concern for the law abiding citizens - hell, keep hassiling known criminals they are the ones with the arsenals. I'll be damned, when I see an act of execution go unanswered, and that is exactly what will happen as the three punks who shot the cop were only 16. So they will get off. Is this fair??? I say hang on to your guns - I'd hate to see a friend of mine go down in such an unfair way.

Did you know that Brad Wilson is going to run a two week deadline game in Born To Dip, (see how I manage to get a plug in for my friends.) I really enjoy these games because they seem to move so fast! By the way, Brad is biased in the Linsey matter - but I don't want his friendship with me & John to get him into any trouble so I'll see if I can get him to cool it a little. Brad is just rather out spoken,

Bloodsucker, conclusion

but I appreciate his concern, believe me, he is just acting out of a sense to defend his friends. I figure Bruce to be upset, so I just thought I'd explain Brad's reasoning. I'm sure that Bruce can understand friendship & what it means.

Well, dear, enough of my rantings for this time. I played poker to the wee hours of the morning and I'm bushed, as you can see by the numerous typo's.

Luscious

((No problem, love, I'll just paint them out with Liquid paper. Brad does tend to jump in there with all three feet, but what the heck, this is as good a place as any to learn the lessons of the School of Hard Knocks. He reminds me of John Kelley, although I hope he doesn't turn out to be as mercurial. BtD is a nice addition to the hobby.)

I'm as surprised as I am pleased to find someone like yourself from the Greater NYC area agreeing with me regarding weapons. I'm afraid that Gibson, Boardman, and the like have made me pretty leary of Cityans. So much so that I am hanging back from taking on a trade with Schneier, whose product looks good but who is involved with Boardman and lives only three blocks away. You and Scott Palter are probably in that twilight zone of the habitable perimeter, yet close enough to the edge of the pit to know the realities of life in the liberal's northern capitel. We need to get Mark Berch to move to Flushing now...

Thanks again for writing, and do keep in touch even though you got my last center in 80IB, "Maniacal".) (Now where'd I set that Christian Bros.?)

*your tools*  
MARK LEW (Dipshit)

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Oh wow! Maybe I ought to write more neatly. But we all know I won't! My letter was altered a bit. Esp. "pisses hade at the gods" should be "pisses back ..." and others.

PS You can put me on your standby list.

((Done. Thanks for straightening out the quote; it did sound a little strange. However, you and Brad Wilson both scratch off so much so fast that you just have to take your chances when I try to decipher it. And, when does Dipshit #1 come out?))

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Bonzo has now gone to Washington. Actually, Ronnie will have a tough time topping his first achievement-releasing the hostages. All those off the cuff remarks finally gave Iran a deadline, something Carter was never able to give. But Carter also has to be given credit for not giving in to the pressure to nuke Iran right at the beginning. I just <sup>now</sup> Reagan turns out to be a real conservative, instead of one who just takes from the people to give to the corporations.

All this stuff on Nazis and Jews and death camps is interesting, but getting redundant. Why worry about things that happened 40 years ago when there are plenty of atrocities occurring today. People disappearing in Argentina, "mental institutions" in the USSR, death squads in Guatemala. People wanting to know more can write to Amnesty Int'l, 304 W 58th St, New York, NY 10019. As for Reagan not making human rights a part of US foreign policy, he's right when he says we shouldn't violate other countries' sovereignty. (Whether or not he will consider sending troops into a country as violating sovereignty I don't know.) I don't see how much a difference Carter's policies made anyway.

Despite my Nazi tendencies, I am against gun control for all the reasons that Dan Palter is. Best way to proliferate something is to prohibit it. There will always

Scott Hanson, cont'd

be alcohol, drugs, abortions, guns, embezzlers, murders, etc. no matter what the law says. Not to mention the Constitution. I'd never keep a gun myself. I think it would be more of a danger than a protection. If my dad shot at every noise that came stumbling in during the middle of the night, I'd be dead many times over! (I meant handguns, of course. As for hunting, I love being outsmarted by Canadian Geese. My hometown is near some of the best goose hunting in the country, Lac qui Parle Wildlife Refuge. We don't hunt in the refuge, of course. You know what I mean...)

I was in a bad mood when I wrote my last letter on financial aid for college students. Now that I have gotten over paying my tuition, I feel much better.

((Good. I like hearing about school: it reminds me of all the years of bullshit it was, and helps me wipe away the occasional thoughts of an MBA.

Handguns are always the weak link in the pro-gun position. If it were possible to trust the government/courts at all, there would probably be some sort of restriction or control on them. However, there are SO many cases of the government fucking up royally at anything it tries, no matter how well intentioned, that I can well appreciate the argument that we pro-gun types must resist EVERY move against guns or it will all be wiped away. Even "the Sleaze" OKs the big heavy stuff, which is my personal favorite. (I lean to the heavy weapon end of the spectrum. Better to have one bazooka than 12 pistols, right?) (More fun too!) Even at something like equal education, the government gets all bogged down in quotas of black faces, and education goes right out the window. The ERA would have passed had it not been for what I feel are very legitimate fears of judicial interpretation of the ramifications of wiping away any sexual discriminations. It would be way too easy for the government to wind up looking at the weapon instead of the person using it—that already is happening. If the liberals ever succeed in making this a disarmed society "like Japan", I hope they go all the way and make this even more like Japan: one culture, one language, one history, one race. Ah, but they always stop short of being effective at anything, don't they?)) J.M.

DICK MARTIN (Prisoner of the Toad)

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Sure I'll elaborate. It won't be anything new, but...

First, John Lennon. To you he may be nothing but a hippie musician, but to act as if he were worthless is pure foolishness, as he has literally become a part of the culture. In addition to the tremendous number of Beatlemaniacs (both first and second generation) who were directly influenced by him, so was nearly everyone else. Why in one day at work, I counted no less than SIXTEEN Lennon/McCartney tunes on the "BEAUTIFUL MUSIC" station. People who wouldn't be caught dead listening to "rock" music enjoying the Beatles NOW. Interesting. And have you heard the phrases "Get by with a little help from his friends" or "Meter maid" lately? Probably have (though "Meter maid" is falling out of fashion along with the occupation), and I bet you didn't hear them before 1967 when they appeared on the Sgt. Pepper album.

To say the Beatles are "washed up" career wise is pretty crazy too. Mozart and Beethoven are dead, and have been for a couple hundred years. Are they "washed up" too? And I'd also like to point out that the #1 group (as far as top 40 hits goes) of the seventies was Paul McCartney and his group Wings. And where Paul is mentioned, John is usually not far behind. The Kennedy comparison is not that far off, really. After all, are Kennedy's speeches still heard daily all over the world? Did Kennedy sell 60 MILLION records worldwide? Enough on Lennon. If you can't understand by now, I don't think you will.

Guns and gun control? Well, if the kid next door OD's I doubt you'd be as upset as if he shot your family, would you? (I may be wrong there.) In my opinion, handguns should be made illegal or at least registered. How could that hurt? How many "crazy rightwingers" do you know that carry a Saturday Night Special around with them all the time "for protection"? I can't name any. Having something

Martin, cont'd

like a gun license akin to a driver's license would help immensely. The written test, plus a demonstration of ability before purchase. Hmm...why not?

Drugs, well, they shoul d ALL be legalized! Since there's no way to effectively eliminate them, why not let the government get their hands on the bucks, and assure some sort of quality control. In addition, this should take some of the glamor out of drugs , in addition to putting some sort of brake on the Mafia. The lesser of two evils, at best, but at least it's plausible when looked at RATIONALLY. Knee-jerk conservatives are bound to object of course, but then, I never accused them of RATIONAL thought.

I'd back you on the MANDATORY punishments idea, but the coming-out suggestion is for the birds. As a Psych major, I'd love it (jobs, jobs, everywhere!) but besides being impractical and unethical, it's downright SCARY! I can see it now: "MARTIN, R.D.-class-deviant: often speaks of "stabbing", "annihilation", and "use of brute force" in day to day communications. Claims it's all "a game". Should be kept secured as he obviously lacks a developed moral sense", Right? ((Right!))

Of course, neither Lennon's having a gun to "protect himself" nor the regulations I propose would have helped in this case. BUT the regs could possibly save OTHERS. Education is the key in dealing with weapons..

By the way, most music types seem to be croaking from alcohol abuse causes, rather than other drugs. Not that you'd know that (I don't think that's quite your bag), but that is what the story is now.

For your info, "JRJ" (from Ozog) is (was?) J Richard Jarvinen, former pubber of NON SEQUITUR (my third dipzeen behind the dreaded GRAUSTARK and the short-lived BEAUCOULLION). Don't worry, he had the same regularity record as TETRACUSPID, maybe worse. You're not missing anything.

Sieg Heil! As you may know, the Yale Ave address I used last fall was a Jewish monastery which I was assigned to infiltrate. My mission failed, as my tolerance to loud, violent, nasal pro-Carter proclamations was very low, driving me from Mrs Feinstein's monastery before I could complete my report. Alas, Scott, the Jews MUST be the Master Race if they can put up with each other!

I agree fully with Bruce Linsey.

I agree fully with Brad Wilson.

Funny, but I also print just about everything that comes my way (though not letters). I guess that means that the writing in my zeen is horrible (which it is) and that Randolph Smyth wouldn't like it (I wouldn't know). Good! I know where my audience lies!

((Funny your mission to Mrs Feinstein's failed. Had you held out longer, those pro-Carter proclamations would have died down after Billy registered as a mouth-piece for Brother Muamar.)

You say all drugs should be legalized "since there's no way to effectively eliminate them". Did you put that in there just to prop up my case by making yours look so sick? Are you really a pro-gunner using black propaganda? You figure that testing and licensing gun owners would control guns, but turn the drugs loose, hey? Shit, that's so fucked up that it answers itself better than I could! "Hmm..why not?" you ask? How about testing and registering voters? Make sure they know how to handle that privilege, hey? "Why not?" Ask some southern black who ever tried to pass a "literacy" test to earn his vote. That type of stupid and unthinking logic is about what I'd expect from someone who would use the sale of 60 million records as a basis for deification. Know how many issues of MEIN KAMPF were ever sold?

And no, I haven't heard either phrase, either before '67 or since. Maybe it's limited to the drug culture where their other stuff is so in vogue.)) J.W.

BOBBY STEPHENS

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Greetings! Since I've been enjoying BB for a few months now, I thought I would write you and let you know I really do like it. It is, as everyone says, the "voice of the hobby".

Concerning your letters section, I'm pleased that you will let anyone speak their mind in your zeen, although there are times when I'm not sure that the people writing have a mind. ((I know what you mean!))

Re handgun legislation, I agree with you. I don't see how the government

Stephens, continued

could, or even has the right to, impose controls on the sale of handguns. All that would accomplish would be to make the illegal sale of guns a larger business than it is already.

Re mailing labels that you mention from time to time, are these only for publishers or can anyone take advantage of your offer?

Re back issues, do you have any? I continue to read letters in which people refer to BB #74. I would like to have a copy of that issue if it possible. You can take it off my sub. Speaking of subs, please find my check enclosed for a renewal to BB. I figure it is the BEST bargain in the hobby.

By the way, did Dave Pilant give you the article I sent to him about the gamer in Austin who invented a game called "Raid on Iran"?

Now that Reagan has been sworn in, I wonder how long it will be before people start writing about Reagan being the anti-Christ. In case you never noticed before, Ronald Wilson Reagan has six letters in each of his names. The old 666. I think it won't be long before some idiot espouses such a theory. The "moral majority" will flip their lids over that.

That's all for now, however, since you allow guest reviews, I will send you a review of my collection of seldom-played-to-never played games.

((I not only allow them, I encourage them! By now you should have the label master sheet and a xerox of #74. You were lucky that 74 turned out so well--usually the machine will stick two sheets together on one pass or the other, and you'll get a puzzle set instead of any literary order, and I'm too lazy to do much in the way of correcting. If you need more masters, let me know.

Pilant, no, altho I may have forgotten. I, like the rest of the hobby scene, rarely pay much attention to anything Pilant has to say...

Send the 666 note to Bruce Schneier and INVASION. Curtis Gibson is a reader there and will go apeshit when he sees any occult hocus pocus mentioned. It will be a lot of fun for everyone except Bruce!

Thanks much for writing. I really need the feedback from the new faces and non-publishers. Don't mind Martin above, e.g.: remember he publishes even thicker issues than I do (tho he pays less postage...) and that will get to anybody after a while.) *J.M.*

DAVE MARSHALL (Down 'n' Dirty)

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Current TV news is astounding. The hostage return has gotta be the most overinflated media hype in recent years. You'd think it was the bloody Second Coming, the way Cronkhite and Co. are nattering on. Even though I consciously avoid the first 10 minutes of national news, enough inanity seeps through that I'm sure I know more personal details about many of the former hostages than about some of my close co-workers. Pity some of this frenetic populist energy can't be redirected toward something of lasting value, like forcing an anti-bussing amendment through Congress or killing the catastrophic MX missile program.

The really frustrating part was that I seemed to be alone in my feelings until the enclosed Mike Royko editorial showed up last Friday. Suddenly it's amazing how many of the engineers and staff here besides me think it reflects their own opinions. Looks like the hostages are okay, but this is still the 450th day of captivity for the American viewing public...

Gamewriting remains a very slow process. I'm about to the point of offering gamestarts as bribes to people to vote in favor of my own draw proposals elsewhere, just to fill 'em (is this crossgaming?—naah.). Say, if you need the filler and decide to run that clubroom puzzle I've got in D&D this time (altho puzzles aren't your style, it seems), I'll provide a prize incentive: free gamestarts for two correct entries selected at random from those I receive within 2 weeks of my receipt of the BB where the contest runs. Shit, I am desperate to fill games! (If you don't like the idea, just ignore it).

Expect you've received a good bit of mail in response to the Western wear

Marshall Dillon, cont'd

question. Well, Cleveland certainly hasn't escaped this obnoxious fad. Surprising how many paunchy middle-aged business types you see downtown sporting \$75 Stetsons and \$150 boots, but the main proponents seem to be the gays (naturally) and the omnipresent Cleveland disco-type punks, who characteristically live with their parents, drive used Trans Ams, and work for their uncle's landscaping business. Most "normal" people who tentatively venture into this Western dress still seem damned self-conscious about it. If this doesn't fade out come Spring, Cleveland may be in worse shape than we're imagined. How're the reports from elsewhere shaping up?

((So far, you're it. I hope some more do come in; beats the hell out of Auschwitz and Lennon and submachine guns. Or at least Auschwitz and Lennon...)

Puzzles aren't my style for making them up, but back around BB 35 or so, puzzles used to be pretty big. Somebody—maybe Rick Kassel or Galen Workman or whoever—used to submit quite a few. I think I figured out one once. Can't be sure any more. I think I once ran a puzzle from a Pizza Inn placemat I picked up. Anyhow, all four pages of DnD will appear. Take every response you get, winner or not, and tell them all they won on the luck of the draw and have a free placement coming to them. That should help. Eric Kirchner provided a clue for filling the last spot or two from his experience once: he was called to standby in a zine he didn't subscribe to! Write to somebody's mailing list and send a form letter saying that SO1 has been delayed until they assume the XXX spot... Seriously, there are so many new zines now that games anywhere outside of VOICE OF DOOMB or these endless damn fake Y'ALLs take a long time to fill. Keep on plugging though.) 

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In response to a complaint that the novices aren't being given a break in terms of subscriptions, as well as to celebrate the first gamestart, LIFE OF MONTY presents its INTRODUCTORY SUB SPECIAL! Any person (even current subbers and pubbers) who orders a sub of 10 or more issues of LOM before March 10 and names their favorite zine (pubbers may not name their own zine) gets 5¢ off the per-issue price (from 45¢ to 40¢—that's \$4/10 issues) as well as an issue for the pubber of their favorite zine. Also, game fees are FREE to any subscriber (as usual).

((Hell, that's almost as good as Dave's contest-respondents idea! I hope someone will name BB; LOMs not bad to get, esp. free....)) J.M.

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How about a short change of pace here? Let's try a few endgame comments from 79HE, a bi-weekly game begun here in late 1979 in Jack Frost's CANAL DREGS. It recently ended in Fall, 1923 in a win for Bob Osuch's Turkey, who at one point was down to a 2.

First, JOHN KADOR

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AUSTRIA: This whole experience showed me the devastating effect that one damn NMR can have. As I recall, I was doing real well. By 1909, I had eight units and both Russia and Turkey on the run. I was determined to break Osuch's Turkey for some slight I can't remember now. And I was going to succeed, too. Than that damn NMR. My office moved across state lines that week. I sent out orders, but they never arrived. After that, it was all downhill. Congrats to Osuch. Bob, I forgive you for whatever you did that pissed me off.

1979HE

TURKEY'S ENDGAME STATEMENT

— Bob Ouch, Won, F23

January 13, 1981

1979HE was my first Diplomacy game. I entered the contest not knowing much about how the game was played, other than the object, which I assumed was to fare as well as possible, if not win.

The game began in August of 1979. Not knowing much about tactics at first, I decided to try and be nice to everyone. I had heard that the Austrian player, John Kador, and the Russian, John Michalski, were very good players. I didn't want to antagonize either of them. I eventually sided with Michalski. Don't ask me why.

The stab came in 1903. I had foolishly allowed John to occupy the Black Sea, when all of a sudden Russia was in Ankara and Austria in Bulgaria. I was down to two centers, and was so upset that I quickly wrote Austria offering any and all support he would need to turn back and eventually wipe out Russia. The generosity of Austria allowed me not only to regain my home centers, but also to take Sevastopol and Moscow. At this point, I was pretty well stalemated, as long as I remained allied with Austria. Michalski had offered support vs. Austria, and I knew that if I declined the game was a draw, so I stabbed Kador, held on for dear life, and anxiously waited until Russia and England slowly helped eliminate the A-1 alliance. By this time, it was 1916, with just the three of us left. England was now at 15 and going for the win. Michalski and I were allied in order to stop Gary, and succeeding in our task, took the offensive. All was well until John attempted a move to Galicia, from where he would have access to three of my centers, at least one of which would be defenseless. I cleverly foresaw this action, however and the rest is history, I must say, I was extremely surprised to gain Tunis in that final year. Had Gary supported it, the game probably would have ended in a three way draw.

To John Kador, I apologize for the stab, my first of the few I've made, but it was vital in the eventual outcome. Still, had it not been for your generosity, I would have been gone by 1905. You were an excellent player, tactically, diplomatically, and journalistically, and only a little gullible.

To Gary Howe, I must say that I've seen you play much better than you did here. Even so, second place isn't bad. Thanks, Gary. I couldn't have done it without you.

To Ken Sniegowski, your frequent NMRing was a factor early, but didn't really hurt in the long run. Well, it didn't hurt me, anyway.

To Dave Pilant, good try (Paris in 01), and thanks for the massive loads of communication. Are you sure you're not a Michalski mail drop? Or was John sending your orders in as "Madman Orders"?

To Andy McMahon, thanks for demonstrating the different methods of deceit to me. The experience really came in handy later on.

To John Michalski, well, it was a long game, and I'm sure you're glad it's over, even if you're not thrilled over the result. I still don't know what to say about your style of play. I felt you were rather impatient in stabbing me the first chance you got, and I never gave you another chance, though you did try again late in the game. I still can't believe how taken aback you were when you saw that I was then going to grab a few of your centers. I mean, how irrational can you get? When one is attacked, is it not a natural reaction to retaliate? In your eyes, apparently not. Still, good going, I learned quite a bit from you just by watching.

To Jack Frost, thanks for a near flawless job of GMing, and for being big enough to admit it when you did err.

In retrospect, I enjoyed the game very much. It dragged at times, but overall I'd say it was well-played in virtually all aspects. I was very lucky to win in such a last-ditch-stab-in-the-dark manner, but hey, I'll take it. Congratulations to Gary and John for their respective finishes.

LETTER FROM A PHILISTINE

Yes, I am a Philistine, one of the very few remaining. I am writing this anonymously because while my name is well known to everybody in the hobby, nobody realizes that I am a Philistine. For several thousand years, we Philistines have been the most severely persecuted people on the planet earth. Although I am proud of being a Philistine, I don't want to expose myself or my family to that persecution again--thus I keep my identity secret.

Maybe the Jews did suffer at the hands of the Germans at Auschwitz, but if so it is only a just reward for what they did to my people at Jericho. Maybe Hitler was a fiend; but was Joshua any better? It is hard to prove that the Jews suffered great deprivation at the hands of the Germans. Millions of them could have been killed, but there are certainly many many more millions surviving. By contrast look at us Philistines. There are only 17 full-blooded Philistines left on the planet earth and no more than several score of half-breeds.

The Holy Land of course is rightfully ours. We were there long before the Jews or the Arabs. But, there is no one to fight our cause for us--nobody cares. We have learned to accept our fate. We do not resort to assassinations or guerrilla tactics to assert our rights. We do not make demands of retribution to the United Nations.

Modern day Jews of course shrug off what happened at Jericho. "Will of God," they say. Doesn't that remind you of the Germans who say, "We were just following orders"? Some Jews will even go so far as to deny that anything ever happened at Jericho. Of course it was thousands of years ago and Jericho is now under Jewish control; the region is closed to the gentile. However, Jordanian archeologists were excavating at Jericho just before they were pushed out in 1945. Among the things they dug up were a number of brass horns or trumpets and even one trombone. Since these devices were at Jericho, is it not reasonable to assume that they were indeed used.

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And for another part of the David Perlmutter Department, here's an item from the local paper someone brought to my attention:

THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN

Friday, January 23, 1981

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# Jewish Defense League Planning Anti-Nazi Youth Training Camp

DETROIT (AP) — The militant Jewish Defense League has announced plans for a Detroit-area youth camp to train Jews in the use of firearms to oppose Nazis in the United States.

JDL founder Rabbi Meir Kahane declined to specify the camp's cost or location.

He said the league is expected to gain title to a 148-acre wooded site within 50 miles of Detroit and begin training this spring.

Kahane said Wednesday that the camp was one of three na-

tional training camps planned by the league.

The three camps will "train specially chosen Jewish youth in weapons and firearms (to thwart) the incredible increase in anti-Semitism in this country," he said.

The rabbi said the league feels "there is a clear and present danger in the form of groups committed to putting Jews in gas chambers."

"A primary purpose will be to let people know that what hap-

pened in Europe 40 years ago will not happen without us doing everything we can to prevent it."

Gerald Carlson, who had admitted past associations with Nazi organizations, won the Republican primary in Michigan's 15th District in November.

He was then defeated by incumbent William Ford.

Kahane said the other two camps would be situated on the East and West Coasts.

— Misc —

~~ALMOST~~ FULL is another box of assorted dipzines for sale. This is a stationary boxful of the many zines I get: a hefty portion of a cross-section of the hobby. Not a bad deal for you, esp. if you're new to the hobby. \$3.50 postpaid at 4th class rate. Write editor. Hurry before the rate goes up!

THE ALAN CALHAMER WORLD WAR 1 COLORING BOOK was the latest feature of Andy Lischett's CHEESECAKE #20. Included was a couple of real crayons taped to the issue. Andy has been known to put out the strangest issues in the hobby, including a classic "warehouse" issue that was a foldout actual warehouse with notes, games, and press within. A classic. Andy's rates are hard to figure out: the zine is FREE to standbys. Gamefee is an even -0- as well. He must be a GS16 or something: lots of money and time. The hobby's the better for it. If you're not getting it, I guess you don't know his address, which is 3025 N Davlin Ct, Chicago, IL 60618. If you play there, I hope you do better than I did in 80KN...

The PUBLISHER'S HANDBOOK is back again. This is an old IDA publication that has some useful hints on publishing that prospective pubbers might be interested in seeing. I loan it out on request. Let me know.

Ad: STANTINOPLE-CON/ PRIESTLEYCON, the last tune-up before ORIGINS/DIPCON in Northern California, to be held March 7 & 8 at Priestley Hall, 2400 Durant Avenue, University of California, Berkeley, CA. West Coast dipfans (and assorted wargamers) can get Bay Area diplomatic experience for ORIGINS—many of the PRIESTLEYCON players will be at ORIGINS. No lodging available, but people are welcome to stay for one day. Diplomacy is emphasized, but if you bring it, we'll play it! (Don Del Grande)

Y'ALL #2 has come out, not much funnier than #1 and probably less so. This is the fake attributed to Gary Coughlan by "Donovan" and postmarked this time from Flushing NY to blame John or Kathy, so it was probably Masters trying to make Brux look bad. Or Brux trying to be sneaky about making Masters look bad.

Bob Arnett's highly rated VOLKERWANDERUNG announced that he is winding down his publishing activities in issue #18. He will finish out his games and fold up the zine sometime in 1981. Game wrapups will conclude via his other zine, RUS-Q. I got a sample of the latter recently, 2 sheets of game results and another attack on Linsey, comparing him to "Bernie Oaklyn" because Linsey created the phoney character, Jane Proskin. With that kind of "logic", it is clear that Bob has something personal against Linsey, for his comparisons are making less and less sense, not more. I wonder what his real gripe is? Anyhow, VOLKER was a bright starter, but has slid quite a bit of late, so perhaps it is just as well that it go out before its record slips even more.

Another new face coming along is Steve Shaddix in his new dipzine, THE WHITE DUKE. It is one of those that runs half a dozen assorted wargames plus dip. My experiences in those zines hasn't been good, but I hope Steve will do well. Digest sized. Write for a sample from 5486 Butano Way, Rocklin, CA 95677.

DIZZLE: No, thi i n't another of the "Is Marion Bates a boy or girl?" things. This is important. Do you think "Byrne" is pronounced "burn", "bernie", "byron", or what? (Don't ask ME for the right answer!) (I use 'Burn' myself)

DISCUSSION FOR PUBLISHERS: I recently won a game that was later ruled irregular due to it being "local", i.e., 5 players in 1 state, altho the other 2 were in separate states apart, as was the GM. I understand an east coast game recently was ruled irregular due to 4 players being in the same state, while I guess you're safe if you have 7 players within 40 miles of each other in DC-VA-WD. I, and perhaps the B'C, would be interested in your views on what is a "local" game and what is not. Also, publishers had better watch out if you have more than two players from any one state in a game. It seems we're being forced into the area-code limit that some G's have opted to voluntarily adopt. What do you think?

While publishers/GMs would be MOST concerned in so far as setting up games, anyone is of course welcome to comment!